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TAGS: OEXC, JA(KOND0, TATSUO)

SUBJECT: MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON URBAN GOVERNMENT

REF: TOKYO 15917; STATE 189015

1. KONDO GRANT HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO REGULAR IV. AMENDMENT  
AUTHORIZATION NUMBER IS 1069-63011-A.

2. IN MEETING WITH CU OFFICER, WHO DIPLOMATICALLY EXPLAINED  
WHY KONDO HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM MULTI-REGIONAL GROUP  
PROGRAM TO INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT, KONDO POINTED OUT THAT  
HE WAS UNAWARE UNTIL QUITE LATE IN NOMINATING PROCESS THAT  
"COMMAND OF ENGLISH SUFFICIENT FOR SEMINAR ON COMPLEX URBAN  
ISSUES" (CF. STATE REFTEL PARA 2) WAS ONE OF MAJOR CRITERIA.  
AT THAT TIME, THOUGH HE FELT HE SHOULD WITHDRAW, PRESSURE  
FROM HIS COLLEAGUES IN OSAKA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND  
PREFECTURAL OFFICE ASSURED HIM THAT HIS ENGLISH WAS GOOD  
ENOUGH FOR THE SEMINAR, WHICH ONLY LASTED ONE WEEK, AND THAT  
HE COULD IMPROVE WHILE ON TOUR WITH HIS FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS.

3. NOT WITHSTANDING KONDO'S CONSIDERATE ATTEMPT TO CARRY  
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PART OF BLAME FOR INAPPROPRIATENESS HIS SELECTION,

DEPARTMENT BELIEVES RESPONSIBILITY FOR UPHOLDING GUIDELINES  
AND CRITERIA PARTICIPATION IN MULTIREGIONAL SEMINARS  
RESTS SQUARELY WITH POST. IN KONDO'S CASE, HIS ENGLISH  
CAPACITY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASCERTAINED WELL BEFORE A FINAL  
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE, AT A TIME WHEN PROBLEMS OF FACE  
AND OTHER RELATED COMPLICATIONS WERE NOT AT ISSUE. WHILE  
KONDO WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE A GOOD IV -- HIS AVOCA-  
TIONAL INTEREST IN ART CAME AS A PLEASANT SURPRISE AND  
USEFUL PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY -- HIS INTRODUCTION TO THE  
EXCHANGE PROGRAM CAUSED HIM (AND THE DEPARTMENT) AVOIDABLE  
EMBARRASSMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES REITERATE THAT THIS, FORTUNATELY,  
IS EXCEPTIONAL CASE AND NOT RPT NOT CHARACTERISTIC OF  
THE CONSCIENTIOUSNESS WITH WHICH POST MAKES ITS IV  
SELECTIONS. INGERSOLL

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